

What is claimed is:

1. (Previously Presented) A compound, comprising:
  - (a) polyethylene terephthalate, and
  - 5 (b) an acetaldehyde scavenger consisting essentially of DL-alpha-Tocopherol present in an amount ranging from about 5% to about 18% of the compound.
2. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 1, further comprising colorant.
- 10 3. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, wherein the DL-alpha-Tocopherol is present in an amount ranging from about 5% to about 16.7% of the compound.
- 15 4. (Currently Amended) The compound of ~~any of Claims 1-3~~ Claim 1, further comprising an additive selected from the group consisting of slip agents, antiblocking agents, antioxidants, ultraviolet light stabilizers, quenchers, plasticizers, mold release agents, lubricants, antistatic agents, fire retardants, fillers, and combinations thereof.
- 20 5. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 4, wherein the filler comprises glass fibers, talc, chalk, clay, or combinations thereof.
6. (Currently Amended) The compound of Claim 4 ~~or Claim 5~~, wherein the additive is included in the compound in an amount from 0 to about 40 weight percent.
- 25 7. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 2, wherein the colorant is either
  - (a) an inorganic pigment selected from the group consisting of titanium dioxide, iron oxide, chromium oxide, lead chromate, carbon black, silica, talc, china
  - 30 clay, metallic oxides, silicates, chromates, and combinations thereof, or

(b) an organic pigment selected from the group consisting of phthalocyanine blue, phthalocyanine green, carbazole violet, anthrapyrimidine yellow, flavanthrone yellow, isoindoline yellow, indanthrone blue, quinacridone violet, perylene reds, diazo red, and combinations thereof.

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8. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 7, wherein the amount of colorant can range from none at all to about 4.0 weight percent.

9. (Currently Amended) A container made from the compound of ~~any of~~  
10 ~~Claims 1-8~~ Claim 1.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The use of DL-alpha-Tocopherol in a polymeric container of Claim 9 as a scavenger for acetaldehyde in headspace of the container~~  
15 The container of Claim 9, further comprising colorant.

11. (New) The container of Claim 9, wherein the DL-alpha-Tocopherol is present in an amount ranging from about 5% to about 16.7% of the compound.

12. (New) The container of Claim 9, further comprising an additive selected  
20 from the group consisting of slip agents, antiblocking agents, antioxidants, ultraviolet light stabilizers, quenchers, plasticizers, mold release agents, lubricants, antistatic agents, fire retardants, fillers, and combinations thereof.

13. (New) The container of Claim 12, wherein the filler comprises glass  
25 fibers, talc, chalk, clay, or combinations thereof.

14. (New) The container of Claim 12, wherein the additive is included in the compound in an amount from 0 to about 40 weight percent.

15. (New) The container of Claim 10, wherein the colorant is either
- (a) an inorganic pigment selected from the group consisting of titanium dioxide, iron oxide, chromium oxide, lead chromate, carbon black, silica, talc, china clay, metallic oxides, silicates, chromates, and combinations thereof, or
- 5 (b) an organic pigment selected from the group consisting of phthalocyanine blue, phthalocyanine green, carbazole violet, anthrapyrimidine yellow, flavanthrone yellow, isoindoline yellow, indanthrone blue, quinacridone violet, perylene reds, diazo red, and combinations thereof.
- 10 16. (New) The container of Claim 10, wherein the DL-alpha-Tocopherol is present in an amount ranging from about 5% to about 16.7% of the compound.
17. (New) The container of Claim 10, further comprising an additive selected from the group consisting of slip agents, antiblocking agents, antioxidants, ultraviolet
- 15 light stabilizers, quenchers, plasticizers, mold release agents, lubricants, antistatic agents, fire retardants, fillers, and combinations thereof.
18. (New) The container of Claim 17, wherein the filler comprises glass fibers, talc, chalk, clay, or combinations thereof.
- 20 19. (New) The container of Claim 17, wherein the additive is included in the compound in an amount from 0 to about 40 weight percent.

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